
ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 2ND AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADS MEETING

Last updated: 29 September 2021

Date: 4 - 6 October 2021

Location: Zoom

Venue: Virtual

Time: 12:00 – 16:00 (Seychelles time)

Chair: Dr Gorka Merino (European Union); **Vice-Chair:** TBD

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
3. **THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS**
 - 3.1. Resolution 15/09 –Terms of Reference (Update)
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-INF01: Resolution 15/09 on a Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Working Group
 - 3.2. Outcomes of the 25th Session of the Commission and previous decisions of the Commission in relation to FADs
 - 3.3. Resolution 19/02 on FADs
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-INF02: Resolution 19/02 Procedures on a Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) Management Plan
4. **REVIEW OF THE DATA AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT ON FADS** (IOTC Secretariat)
5. **REVIEW OF DEFINITIONS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS ACROSS TUNA RFMOS** (All)
 - 5.1. Review of definitions
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-04: What we think you should know about Fish Aggregating Devices. (Orthongel)
 - 5.2. Outcomes of the Joint tuna RFMO meeting Working Group on FADs:
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-INF03 - Joint T-RFMO FAD Working Group Second Meeting
6. **MANAGEMENT MEASURES OF FAD MANAGEMENT PLANS** (All)
 - 6.1. FAD numbers
 - Towards setting FAD limits in the t-RFMOs
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-12: Toward true FAD deployment limits in the t-RFMOs (Gersham D, Galland G and Holmes G)
 - IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-06: Recent purse-seine FAD fishing strategies in the eastern Pacific Ocean: what is the appropriate number of FADs at sea? (Lennert-Cody C, Moreno G, Restrepo V, Roman M and Maunder M)
 - Discussion on determining the appropriate number of FADs at sea.

Thematic Discussion, steps towards defining FAD limits.

6.2. Ecological impacts of FADs.

6.2.1 Methods to reduce the incidental mortality of FADs.

- Release mechanisms and verification
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-11: Developing solutions to increase survival rates of vulnerable bycatch species in tuna purse seine FAD fisheries (Murua J, Ferarios JM, Grande M, Onandia I, Ruiz J, Zudaire I, Moreno G, Murua H, Restrepo V and Santiago J)

6.2.2 Methods to reduce the loss of FADs

- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-07: Spatial management can significantly reduce dFAD beachings in Indian and Atlantic Ocean tropical tuna purse seine fisheries (Imzilen T, Lett C, Chassot E and Kaplan D)
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-08: A polluter pays principle for drifting FADs – how it could be applied? (IPNLF)
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-INF12: Ghost fishing mortality and habitat damage from ALD drifting FADs (Ahusan M and Adam MS)

6.2.3 Viability of construction of biodegradable FADs, definitions and realistic timeframes including options.

- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-09: Biodegradable DFADs: Current Status and Prospects (Zudaire I, Moreno G, Murua J, Murua H, Tolotti M, Roman M, Hall M, Lopez J, Grande M, Merino G, Escalle L, Hamer P, Basurko OC, Capello M, Dagorn L, Ramos ML, Abascal F, Báez JC, Pascual-Alayón P, Déniz S, Santiago S)
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-10: The Jelly-FAD: a paradigm shift in bio-FAD design (Moreno, G., Salvador, J., Murua, H., Uranga, J., Zudaire, I., Murua, J., Grande, M., Cabezas, O., Restrepo, V.)

Thematic discussion, towards reducing ecological impacts of FADs.

7. TOWARDS A PLAN FOR IOTC

- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-05: Comparing different drifting FAD management options (Ndegwa S)
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-13: How can we efficiently mitigate the impacts of dFADs? (Maufroy A and Goujon M)
- IOTC-2021-WGFAD02-INF17: Aligned Guidance for Well-Managed FAD (Tuna NGOs)

8. WRAP UP, SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Chair)

9. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR (All)

10. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT, AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 2nd SESSION OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON FADs (Chair)